Rocks News

Rocks, Dec. 10.- Rain, sleet and snow fell here last week.

L. K. Almond, Robert Roach, Wiley Ranson, Herbert Goin and R. L. Jennings were in Farmville selling tobacco on opening day.

William Carroll Ranson, who has been sick with flu, is out again.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson and granddaughter, Mary Edith Ranson went with J. Frank Ranson to Darlington Heights last Monday afternoon to get Mrs. J. Frank Ranson and daughter.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson has the flu.

Sandra Ruth and Donald Roach are on the sick list.

Little Charlene Ranson, who has been sick, is out again.

C. S. Ranson had a very sick horse Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Dickerson got her foot hurt. She went to the doctor twice last week about it.

Rev. G. A. Harris and wife and her mother, Mrs. Willie Dickerson of Cullen called to see Mrs. J. W. Dickerson awhile Saturday night.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dickerson and daughter, Caroline, of Farmville, and Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Hamlett and children, of Phonix; also Cassie and A. A. Baldwin called in the afternoon.

Carl Almond has returned from the hospital and is much improved.

Ted Almond is working in Farmville.

Rev. Cecil Carter will preach at Rocks Baptist Church this Sunday, December 16, at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to hear him.

Mrs. L. W. Williams, of Washington, D. C. arrived Thursday morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach, of Pamplin.

James R. Taylor and brother were helping Robert Roach take down tobacco Thursday.

Lewis Dickerson and J. W. Dickerson called to see A. A. Baldwin Thursday morning.

J. Frank Ranson was helping Emory and Wiley Ranson tie tobacco awhile one night last week.

Harry Ranson was working on his house last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children went to Farmville one day last week.

Emory Ranson and A. A. Baldwin were helping G. T. Marsh kill hogs Friday morning.

Dean Pugh and wife spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

A. T. Anderson is not so well.

MODERN INDUSTRY SERVES THE SPIRIT OF OUR CHRISTMAS

In a busy world, the Christmas card has assumed a definite place among Christmas customs and tradition — serving the spirit of friendship, echoing the promise of peace and good will.

Reputedly, the first Christmas card, properly so-called, was dispatched in 1845 when W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters, sent lithographed scenes inscribed with greetings to his many friends during the Christmas season.

In 1846, John Calcott Horsley, Royal Academician, designed a card for Sir Henry Cole. Thus the custom of sending Christmas cards seems to have been inaugurated—although, even as far back as Queen Anne's reign, it was customary for children to write Christmas pieces. Such "Christmas pieces" were specimens of handwriting with elaborately engraved borders designed to represent some current event or subject studied by the children during the year, and were sold in shops and at bazaars until about 1840.

Christmas cards were introduced into the United States during the 1870s by Marcus Ward and Company of London and for a short while the English firm enjoyed a monopoly of the market.

The name of Louis Prang is outstanding in the history and development of the modern Christmas card industry. Mr. Prang, an exile from Germany following the revolution of 1848, introduced the art idea into American public schools via the Prang method of education. In 1874, Prang invaded the Christmas card field. Prizes were offered for the best designs and perfected lithographic processes.

Ship Sails for Months With Cargo Not Wanted

SYDNEY. — Bougainville dispatches revealed recently that the American Liberty ship James K. Paulding has been sailing since last April with more than $2,000,000 worth of cargo which nobody wants.

The Paulding is carrying 6,000 tons of perfectly good bombs, but nobody wants them.

Capt. E. G. Ericson, weary of carting this powder keg around the world, sighed: "We've had the bad luck to run into peace every time we touch port." He made a trip to Europe and then to half a dozen ports in the Pacific.

Ericson said he felt like the master of a "plague ship."

Registers for Draft Just Four Years Late

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Better late than never was the principle acted upon by Ernest Denks, mountaineer. Farming in the hills, he didn't know the United States was at war until he came to town after the conflict ended, whereupon Denks registered for the draft.

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Now located in
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Drop me a card and I will give you prompt, efficient service.

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WILL THERE BE A STEEL STRIKE?

Not if the CIO abides by its pledged word, given only last spring.

Question: What would be the general effect on the country of a steel strike?

Answer: Over 40 per cent of all the factory workers in the country earn their living by making steel into useful products for American life. A shut-down of the steel industry would be a disastrous blow to reconversion and would cause a serious loss in both wages and industrial production at a time when they are both needed.

Question: Is it true that the Steelworkers Union has pledged itself not to strike?

Answer: Yes. Every contract which the Union has signed this year with the various steel companies has a clause wherein the Union agrees not to strike during the life of the contract.

Question: Are these contracts still in effect?

Answer: Yes. They were signed in the spring of 1945 to run until October, 1946.

Question: Who signed for the Union?

Answer: Its international officials—Phillip Murray, Van Bittner, Clinton Golden and others—and the local Union heads at the various plants.

Question: Is there no "escape clause" by which either side could end the agreements?

Answer: No. The Union demanded a fixed, long-term contract and got it.

Question: Why did they want a long-term contract?

Answer: In the Union's own words before the War Labor Board, "The Union's request for a termination date of October, 1946, is not made capriciously or pressed here for bargaining purposes. It represents the considered view of the Union that only such a term will adequately serve the needs of stability."

Question: Did the recent strike vote violate the contracts?

Answer: No. Only an actual strike would violate them.

Question: Haven't there been strikes already during the life of the contracts?

Answer: Yes. There were 998 strikes in steel plants during the past year alone. They were mostly local strikes which the Union characterizes as "wildcat," but they meant a big loss in production.

Question: Does the end of the war justify changing the contracts?

Answer: No. The bond was sealed on both sides and should be kept whether times be good or bad. The steel companies are continuing to live up to these agreements. If a strike is called, it will be in clear violation of the existing contracts.

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A strike in the face of existing contracts would shatter any confidence in the validity of union agreements in the steel industry.

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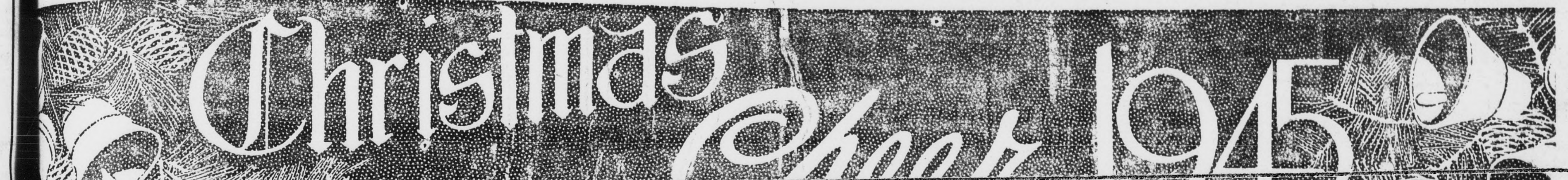

ARE YOU Dreaming of a WHITE CHRISTMAS?

ews of Our ervice Men

Edwin Carter is expected to in the States from the ETO t of the New Year. He is n of Mr. and Mrs. L. W.

Ford, U. S. Navy, is at for the holidays.

Lea, U. S. Navy, is visfriends in Appomattox.

Harold E. Thompson, who en stationed in Oklahoma, rived to spend the holidays is wife in the home of Dr. Christian. Lt. Thompson has d his discharge.

d Christian, III, who is stain Charlottesville will arturday to spend Christmas home here.

George Jennings, who has stationed in Colorado, is g the holidays with his par-Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings. nnings has received his dis-

George L. Koos, Jr., who y returned from overseas, rive tonight to spend the s with his wife in the home D. A. Christian. Pfc. Koos eived his discharge.

d Cyrus is at home on

olm Booker, U. S. Navy, is e on leave.

E. Carrico has received a from his son, Pfc. William saying that he expects to e around Christmas.

Murrell Ferguson is home rlough until January 4.

Thomas W. Hanenkrat, who oned at Tateyama Naval s, Tateyama, Honshu, Jas been promoted to Pfc. the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanenkrat.

J. A. Tweedy, Jr., who has verseas three years, has arome. He has received his e. He is the son of Mr. s. J. A. Tweedy, Sr., of

James E. Maxwell, who en stationed in Germany, is way home. He is the son B. C. Maxwell.

Raymond L. Maxwell, who ned at Langley Field, Va., e on a 10-day furlough.

O. J. Webb has received at her son, Pvt. Gordon R. as arrived safely overseas stationed in Germany.

$35,000 Allocated County 1946 Soil Conservation Work

Appomattox County has been allocated $35,050.00 to be used in the AAA soil conservation program in 1946. The sum is based on earnings by farmers under the 1944 program and in consideration of the farm allowances in the county in 1945. W. T. Nash, chairman of the county committee, stated that the funds will be allocated to communities and individual farmers so far as possible on the basis of conservation needs. The goal in 1946 is to obtain maximum soil conservation to the extent of the allocation.

In past programs, the allowance for each farm was determined strictly on the basis of cropland and pasture acreage, with no consideration of particular needs on the farm. In 1946, community committeemen working with the farmers will plan the conservation program for each farm. All proposed practices must be listed on a farm plan and approved by the county committee prior to performance. Practices performed prior to April 1 may be approved after the pactice is performed but these practices must also be listed on the farm plan.

Mr. Nash stated that definite plans are being made for affording every farmer an opportunity to file a farm plan for 1946, in order that he may be eligible for available conservation material or payment on practices performed at his own expense. When arrangements have been completed, all farmers will receive a notice by mail informing them of the time and place for filing the 1946 farm plans.

British House of Lords votes approval of U. S. loan.

Russia favors frequent meetings of foreign ministers.

Auto workers reject Ford wage offer.

Ship Circles Globe In 81 Days, 16 Hours

LIVERPOOL.—The liner Mauretania docked here after a 28,662-mile round-the-world voyage in 81 days and 16 hours. Capt. R. B. G. Woollatt said it was a new world record.

He also said the liner established another record by making a 13,700-mile trip from Sydney, Australia, to Liverpool in a month and a day.

Circle Had Social Friday

Circle No. 2, of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. C. W. Smith, chairman, entertained the members of Circle No. 3, at a social in the adult assembly room of Memorial Methodist Church on last Friday night. The program consisted of story-telling, games, and the signing of carols. Candle lights, a tinsel-trimmed Christmas tree, and a gift for each person present created an atmosphere appropriate for the seanson, and a sweet course, in colors of red and white was served by the hostesses at the close of the program.

Why not give a Victory Bond as a Christmas gift?

Tobacco getting good prices.

Banks closed next Tuesday.

Subscription rate: $1.50 a year, payable in advance.

Convict Ends Job of Lettering New Testament

PHILADELPHIA. — Sydney L. Smith, Media, Pa., serving a 10-to-20 year sentence in Eastern penitentiary, has completed a hand-lettered 292-page copy of the New Testament.

Smith, who has served four and a half years of his sentence, began the work December 8, 1943. It was completed August 24, 1945, and bound a short time ago.

NAME FOR NEW COMMUNITY

Due to the fact that one of the judges, G. F. Abbitt, Jr. is in Richmond this week, it has been impossible to make a selection of a name for the new community between Appomattox and Red House. About 50 have sent in suggestions. We hope to announce the winner next week.

Society Names New Officers

The following officers were elected for the W. M. S. of Liberty Baptist Church for 1946:

President, Mrs. H. Frederick Jones.

First Vice President, Mrs. C. S. Booth.

Second Vice President, Mrs. W. W. Scott.

Third Vice President, Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. J. LeGrand.

Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Morris.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Purdum.

Treasurer, Mrs. Don Moses.

Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. H. P. Davis.

Pianist, Mrs. L. E. Smith.

Assistant Pianist, Mrs. Don Moses.

Gomez concedes defeat in Brazilian elections.

What Is Christmas Without Toys?

There is no shortage of toys, although the trend has been toward mechanical or educational types. Dolls have not been forgotten, however.

Legion Starts Fund Drive For Building

Appomattox Post 104, American Legion, has determined to erect a memorial to the veterans of World War I and II who served from Appomattox County.

This memorial will take the form of a building to serve all veterans as a home in which the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary may hold their meetings and other functions, and in which the veterans will find reading rooms, a place for clean entertainment, dances and other facilities to gather when they so choose.

This building will be permanent and a fitting memorial to those who served, as well as a credit to the county. Returning veterans need a place in which to get together and by their fellowship fit gether and collectively prepare as civilians.

The assembly room and cafeteria will be available to other organizations at a rental to maintain the building.

Citizens of the county will be given the opportunity of contributing to the building fund.

The county has been divided into districts and a captain appointed for each district as follows: Clover Hill, Alfred R. Harwood, Jr.; Stonewall, William A. Owen; Southside, George W. Woolnridge; Appomattox, C. K. Hunter; Pamplin, Carlton D. Canada; Spout Spring, Lyle F. Caldwell; Vera, Rev. L. P. Brown; Gladstone, Hugh Waverly Brown. It is the intention of the Legion that every citizen of Appomattox County be given an opportonity to have a part in the erection of this memorial to the sons and daughters of Appomattox who so freely gave their all in service to the country, and whose names will be inscribed on an honor roll as a permanent record. The Legion committee will soon begin solicitations.

David T. Robertson, adjutant, Local Legion Post 104, announced that the first meeting, December 14, saw a fine beginning made in contributions to this project.

Names of contributions will be published in the county paper. The first list:

Joel W. Flood, $100.00; David T. Robertson, 50.00; William A. Coleman, 50.00; E. D. Tegethoff, 50.00; W. W. Scott, 50.00; C. K. Hunter, 50.00; Keorge W. Wooldridge, 50.00; William A. Owen, 50.00; Rev. L. P. Brown, 25.00; Berkley H. Guill, 25.00; John R. Mann, 25.00; James M. Guill, 25.00; Laurie Young, 25.00; Jim Case 25.00; Hunter Dickerson, 25.00; L. C. McKenzie, 25.00; Richard Harris, 20.00; Mrs. L. C. McKenzie, 10.00; Mrs. Wm. M. Coleman, 10.00; Gilbert E. Mays, 10.00; W. E. Layne, 10.00; J. Peyton Harvey, 10.00; Alfred R. Harwood, Jr., 10.00; R. A. Janatka, 10.00; Mrs. David T. Robertson. 5.00; Mrs. Hunter Dickerson, 5.00; Clarence Mays, 5.00; L. F. Caldwell, 5.00; James L. Gordon, Jr., 5.00; Mrs. Laurie Young, 1.50; J. P. Johnson, 1.00.

Bonds sold until December 31st count in Victory Loan totals.

Give a Victory Bond!

Weather man keeps East from seeing elipse of moon Tuesday.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Been "Dreaming of a White Christmas?

If so, maybe your dreams will come true!

Some four inches of snow fell here Tuesday afternoon and night and their were light flurries and overcast skies yesterday. Weather forecasts for Virginia indicated a cold wave and occasional snow in prospect over Christmas.

The highway department was out most of Tuesday night trying to keep the main roads open, and it was tough traveling, even with chains, until the sun began melting the snow.

Buses were keeping fairly well on schedules.

County schools were open Wednesday, although several of the buses did not run, and attendance was off. Schools will remain open until Friday afternoon, and then close for the annual Christmas holiday until January 2.

Several cars and trucks were stranded along the highways Tuesday night.

Prospects of a white Christmas added to the spirit of holiday shopping, and merchants were busy.

Santa Here Saturday

The Appomattox Lions Club announced that Santa Claus would be in town Saturday afternoon, with candy for the kiddies.

A lighted Christmas tree was set up on Main Street, and Christmas lights turned on across the street.

Churches will present Christmas messages and music this Sunday.

Students were home from school and scores of service men were coming in, to make family celebrations joyeous this season.

Garden Club Party Friday

The Appomattox Garden Club is sponsoring a Progressive Christmas Party, Friday evening, December 21, 8 P. M. Eight different homes will have open house, where each will have a table decorated with one theme.

The homes which are to be visited are as follows:

8 P. M., Mrs. Alfred R. Harwood, Jr., bridge table.
8:30, Mrs. B. G. Anderson, buffet table.
8:45, Mrs. C. G. O'Brien, luncheon.
9:00, Mrs. L. Crawley, breakfast.
9:15, Mrs. C. F. James, dinner.
9:30, Mrs. J. A. Burke, tea table.
9:45, Mrs. Ivey Holland, eggnogg.
10:00, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, children's party table.

The evening will conclude with a social program at the home of Mrs. C. S. Jenkins. Miss Harriett Holley will lead the group in Christmas carols. Punch will be served.

LEGION DANCE AND TURKEY SHOOT

There will be a square dance at Club Appo Wednesday night, December 26, sponsored by the American Legion. Proceeds will be used for the erection of the memorial building. Motie and Berkley Guill will have charge.

Saturday, December 22, there will be a raffle and turkey shoot at the Heating Service plant, beginning at 2 P. M. Proceeds will go the the memorial building. It is sponsored by the Legion, with Clarence Mays in charge.

'Good Tidings to All People'

ristmas literally means "Mass of Christ" and is celebrated to honor tivity of Jesus. Nevertheless, many Christmas customs have origiin the folklore and traditions of pre-Christian peoples.

e season of the winter solstice—experts have figured that Christ orn during that time of year—has been celebrated as a time of g since, and even prior to, the recordance of history.

eoples of northern Europe celebrated the Festival of Hweol, or the heel, when the sun—having been at its lowest point in the heavens g its course toward the earth once more. Great fires were kindled ance of the Frost King; fires to consume the enmities of the old whose ashes imparted fertility to the soil, and brands, kept from year, were considered charms against the spirits of evil.

e Roman festival of Saturnalia honored the deity of Saturnus, patron agricultural arts. Saturnalia was a season—from December 17 h 25, and merged with the Calends of January—and was characby revelry, gift-giving, decorations within the home, entertain, etc.

e followers of Mithras celebrated the Feast of Sol Invictus, the solemnized the cutting of the Mistletoe, the Orthodox Jews comate the Festival of Lights, and the Egyptians dedicated their midfestival to Iris and her symbol the palm tree.

ancient peoples were converted to Christianity, ancient customs ed place among traditions honoring the Babe of Bethlehem who into the Christ and bequeathed to mankind one of the foremost phies of human conduct.